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FM AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD
TO AMCONSUL KARACHI IMMEDIATE
AMCONSUL LAHORE IMMEDIATE
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FOR PSOS AND CGS; KARACHI ALSO FOR RSS; DEPT FOR
A/SY/OPS/FO FROM RSO

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: ASEC
SUBJ: THREATENING LETTER - PROTECTIVE ACTIONS

REF: KARACHI 1596

1. ON APRIL 11, 1977, RSO MET WITH SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE
(S0), ISLAMABAD AND DISCUSSED THREATENING LETTER REPORTED
IN REFTEL.

2. SP ADVISED THAT 90 PERCENT CHANCE THAT LETTER WORK
OF A CRANK WHO COULD DO NO HARM TO ANYONE; HOWEVER,
ADVISED AGAINST DISMISSING IT AS TEN PERCENT CHANCE THAT
THREAT COULD BE VALID. HE EXPLAINED THAT POLICE FEEL THAT
MOOD OF PEOPLE IS AGAINST RECENT ELECTION RESULTS AND
VIOLENCE--DIRECTED AT FOREIGNERS--TO DRAW ATTENTION TO
THE PLIGHT OF THE OPPOSITION, COULD RESULT. THE SP CON-
TINUED THAT DUE TO THE UNREST AND VIOLENCE THROUGHOUT
PAKISTAN, THE PAK AUTHORITIES COULD NOT BEGIN TO PRO-
TECT ALL FOREIGNERS IN PAKISTAN, BUT AGREED TO PROVIDE
TWO MOTOR PATROLS IN ISLAMABAD TO PATROL THE RESIDEN-
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TIAL AREAS ON A 24-HOUR BASIS. HE FURTHER AGREED TO
ENSURE THAT THE POLICE EMERGENCY NUMBER IS MANNED BY
AN ENGLISH SPEAKING OFFICER (NOT A NORMAL PROCEDURE)
WITH RADIO CONTACT TO THE MOTOR PATROL CARS. HE ADVISED
THAT THE PAK POLICE AUTHORITIES HAVE NO RECORD OR KNOW-
LEDGE OF THE "LIBERATION FRONT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS OF
PAKISTAN."

3. ACTING PSO IN LAHORE SHOULD PRESENT A COPY OF THE LETTER, TYPED ON PLAIN BOND, TO THE POLICE AND ADVISE THEM THE LETTER AND A COPY WAS PROVIDED TO THE POLICE AUTHORITIES IN KARACHI AND ISLAMABAD.

4. THE RSO REALIZES THAT THE POLICE CANNOT AND WOULD NOT PROTECT EACH FOREIGNER, BUT REQUEST THAT THE SENIOR POLICE OFFICIAL BRIEF HIS STAFF AND INSTRUCT THEM TO PROVIDE AN IMMEDIATE RESPONSE TO A REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE. FURTHER, DETERMINE THAT THE EMERGENCY NUMBER IS MANNED BY AN ENGLISH SPEAKING OFFICER WHO HAS THE MEANS TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE, SHOULD IT BE REQUIRED. DISSEMINATE POLICE EMERGENCY NUMBER TO ALL AMERICANS.

5. THE BEST DEFENSE AGAINST AN INCIDENT IS AWARENESS. BRIEF EMPLOYEES TO BE AWARE OF THEIR SURROUNDINGS AT ALL TIMES. SHOULD THEY OBSERVE AN INDIVIDUAL CHECKING THEIR HOMES, OBTAIN A DESCRIPTION, LICENSE PLATE NUMBER, ETC., AND PROVIDE SUCH TO THE POLICE. EMPLOYEES SHOULD AVOID PATTERNS. VARY ROUTES AND TIMES OF TRIPS. KNOW SAFE HAVENS, I.E., POLICE STATIONS, GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS, LARGE STORES, WHERE ONE COULD SEEK REFUGE IF NEEDED. DO NOT RETURN HOME IF BEING FOLLOWED. INSTEAD GO TO THE OFFICE OR A SAFE HAVEN. IF POSSIBLE, TRAVEL IN GROUPS ON BUSY, WELL-TRAVELED STREETS. ALWAYS KEEP THE DOORS OF VEHICLES LOCKED WHEN DRIVING AND PARKED. DO NOT ACCEPT UNSOLICITED PACKAGES. IF ONE FINDS ONE, DO NOT OPEN OR REMOVE IT. CONTACT THE PROPER AUTHORITIES. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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KEEP DOORS AND WINDOWS OF HOME LOCKED. INSTRUCT SERVANTS NOT TO ADMIT STRANGERS. BE AWARE OF PUBLIC UTILITY MEN WORKING OR LOITERING IN THE AREA OF YOUR RESIDENCE. REPORT SUSPICIOUS PERSONS TO PSO AND AUTHORITIES. AVOID CROWDS AND DISTURBANCES. DEPENDENTS SHOULD ALSO BE BRIEFED ON ABOVE.

6. ANY SIMILAR LETTERS RECEIVED BY POSTS SHOULD BE REPORTED TO RSO BY IMMEDIATE CABLE. ALSO FORWARD A XEROX COPY OF LETTER ANWIVCOELOPE TO RSO. ORIGINAL CAN BE GIVEN TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES FOR INVESTIGATION.

7. RSO AND POST HAVE BEEN CONTACTED BY OFFICERS OF OTHER WESTERN EMBASSIES INDICATING THAT THEY HAVE RECEIVED SIMILAR LETTERS AND REQUESTED ADVICE. SHOULD PSOS OR CGS BE CONTACTED IN THIS CONNECTION, YOU MAY PROVIDE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN PARA 0:

8. FOR KARACHI: WHERE WAS ENVELOPE CONTAINING THREAT-

ENING LETTER POSTMARKED?
BYROADE

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